## Tier 2 Training Opportunity

Beginning in 2010, all aide and relative care providers will now have the opportunity to earn an extra 25 cents per hour in reimbursement for child care provided (up to \$585 more per child, each year) by completing 10 additional hours of approved training per year.

## APPROVED TRAINING TOPICS

Only the <u>approved training topics</u> on the list below will be considered in determining eligibility for Tier 2 reimbursement:

- ☆ Child Development
- ☆ Learning through Play
- ☆ Managing Children's Behavior
- ☆ Caring for Children with Special Needs
- ☆ Blood Borne Pathogens/Communicable Disease
- ☆ Child Abuse and Neglect
- ☆ Child Care Environments
- ☆ Business Basics

To find approved training in your area, please visit <a href="www.greatstartforkids.org">www.greatstartforkids.org</a> and click on Great Start Connect or call 1-877-614-7328 or 1-877-61GREATSTART to be connected to a Great Start Regional Child Care Resource Center in your area.

## RATES AND TRACKING

| Aides/Relatives- Tier 1 |         | Aides/Relatives- Tier 2 |         |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| CHILD'S AGE             |         | CHILD'S AGE             |         |
| 0-2½ Yr                 | 2½ Yr + | 0-2½ Yr                 | 2½ Yr + |
| \$1.85                  | \$1.60  | \$2.20                  | \$1.85  |

<u>Please note:</u> Tier 2 payment rates (available April 2010) cannot be authorized prior to the completion of the Great Start to Quality Orientation.

<u>Beginning in April 2010</u>, providers will be reimbursed at the Tier 2 rate beginning the pay period in which the 10 hour approved training threshold is met or surpassed.

<u>In 2011 and after</u>, Tier 2 rates will be paid to all providers who had completed 10 hours of approved training by December 31 of the **prior** year.

## **Examples:**

- ➤ Provider completes 10 hours of training in June 2010.
  - o Provider will receive Tier 2 rates for the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011.
- ➤ Provider completes 10 hours of training in March 2011.
  - o Provider will receive Tier 2 rates in 2012.